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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS OF PROFESSOR SAMUEL McCUNE
LINDSAY, PRESIDENT OF THE ACADEMY OF POLITICAL
SCIENCE

This special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Academy of Political Science has been called at a time when Mr. Bryce could be with us, for the purpose of giving added emphasis to the action already taken by the Board at its meeting on January 8, when Mr. Bryce was elected the first honorary member of the Academy.

Over thirty-two years ago this Academy was organized by a small group of men inspired by the greatest scholar and teacher in the field of political science that America has produced, our own Dean Burgess, who was then just beginning the great work he has now laid down here at Columbia, and in the fruits of whose labor most of us here to-day have peculiar reason to rejoice. For many years the Academy restricted its efforts to building up high standards of scientific work and to encouraging productive scholarship in political science.

An organization with such an aim was much needed at that time and the influence of the Academy was potent in the somewhat narrow circle of the teaching profession and of the few specialists, chiefly lawyers, who gave some scientific consideration to the problems of government.

With the passing of the years have come new problems in our public life. The relations of citizens to government have changed and educational institutions must undertake a new work in preparing citizens for ideal participation in democratic government. The Academy has proved sufficiently elastic in its organization to respond to these new needs, and within the last five years it has undergone almost a complete change in its activities. It aspires to be a real educational force in our American democracy, bringing the studies of the specialist and the highly educated professional man to the average man and the average woman who must needs participate in government and upon whose intelligence and efficiency the possibilities of

government depend. It aims to popularize the growing literature of political science, without loss of scientific value, to stimulate active discussion of the facts, conditions and problems of government as it affects the ordinary man.

In this work the Academy has enlisted the coöperation of over two thousand of our fellow-citizens. Its membership is open to men and women alike who are willing to share in its work. The *Political Science Quarterly* holds a foremost place in the scientific world, and as the organ of the Academy, so ably edited by the faculty of political science of this university, brings us into close affiliation with the scientific life of the university. The Academy does not propose as it grows in numbers and resources to weaken the influence of such publications as the *Political Science Quarterly*, but if possible to extend and strengthen such influence through the addition of other publications like our *Proceedings*, and, possibly, a still more popular periodical yet to be issued, adapted to the needs of a wider circle of intelligent men and women anxious to know more about government and to do their part to aid in the establishment of rational and sound public opinion.

In this work and in the creation of the ideals which it presupposes, we are already indebted to Mr. Bryce as to no other writer in the English-speaking world. No one has done more than he to give us a clear vision of the possibilities of democracy; no one has voiced more clearly the challenge of democracy to the forces of education. We shall miss him all the more when he leaves our shores, because he has been so vitally identified with the deeper currents of American life and American thought. In his home land or wherever he may be, however, we shall not lose him so long as he has voice or pen to contribute to the thought of his time and to the wisdom of all ages. We shall now count upon him, as our first honorary member, for counsel and guidance, and we shall ever look to him as an example of the ideal citizen who serves.

I now have the honor, by authority of this Board, to ask President Butler, a member of the advisory council of the Academy, to present to Mr. Bryce a certificate of honorary membership.